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SETTING UP OF FARM SCHOOL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farm schools functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposed to set up some more farm schools during Eleventh Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c) : There is no separate scheme in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Ministry of Agriculture for setting up Farm Schools. However, Farmer Field Schools (FFS) are being supported by DAC under the scheme `Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India`. The state-wise number of FFS operationalized during Kharif and Rabi 2006-07 is given in the annexure.

DAC is also implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Support to State Extension Progrmmes for Extension Reforms` based on Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) model. It aims at promoting decentralized and farmer- friendly extension system. Demonstration, training, exposure visit and specified forms of research-extension-farmer interactions are some of the extension activities eligible under the scheme. It has been suggested to States in April, 2007 that they may operationalize Farm Schools through a combination of eligible extension activities under the scheme.